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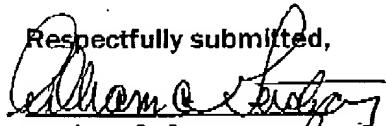
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COMMUNICATION

Sir:

Appellants have received the Examiner's Answer, dated March 12, 2004.

A Second Rule 116 Amendment was filed on December 22, 2003 and this is
not mentioned in the Examiner's Answer.

Appellants presume that the Amendment has been entered, but respectfully
request confirmation of the Amendment's status.

Respectfully submitted,
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